

NEAR SERIOUS ACCIDENT

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PURPOSE

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In support of the discretionary authority of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health Policy and Procedures Manual P&P C-36 and Labor Code 6313(b), near serious accidents are included in the internal notification process as they reasonably could have led to a fatality or serious injury or illness (as detailed in Handbook 1712). Methods of notification include the CAL FIRE Operational and Program Notification (FC-800) procedure.

For the purposes of this section, a near serious accident is an occurrence where a break in the chain of events prevented a serious injury, serious illness, or fatality. Near serious accidents do not meet the Cal/OSHA notification requirements of Title 8 CCR, Section 330(h).

At the discretion of the Deputy Director of Fire Protection, a near serious accident is formally assessed, utilizing the Management Safety Assessment process (as described in Handbook 1713).

Examples of near serious accidents include but not limited to:

- Wildland fire entrapment (see Forms: PMS 405-1)
- Fire shelter deployed for its intended purpose
- Vehicle incidents
- Building collapse
- Falling accident
- Gas explosion
- Law Enforcement incidents
- Aircraft incidents
- Equipment / Personal Protective Equipment performance malfunctions or misuse
- Structural fire suppression activities
- Unusual rescue occurrences

RESPONSIBILITIES

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Managers/Supervisors

- Notify the appropriate Emergency Command Center (ECC) immediately when a near serious accident occurs.

Department Safety Officer

- Ensure the appropriate ECC follows the 8100 PROCEDURE 800, Notification of Fatality/Serious Injury/Near Serious Accident (HB 8100).
- Ensure the completion and submission of PMS 405-1, Wildland Fire Entrapment/Fatality Initial Report for wildland fire entrapment incidents.
- Where required by the Deputy Director of Fire Protection, ensure near serious accidents are assessed promptly utilizing the Management Safety Assessment process (as described in Handbook 1713).

PROCEDURES

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- Notification of Serious Injury/Fatality/Near Serious Accident (8100 Procedure 800) ([PDF](#))
- Notification to California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) (8100 Procedure 804) ([PDF](#))

RELATED INFORMATION

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Authority

- Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Section 330(h) - Definitions ([WEB](#))
- Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Section 342(a) - Reporting Work-Connected Fatalities and Serious Injuries ([WEB](#))

Forms

- CAL FIRE Operational and Program Notification (FC-800) ([DOC](#))
- PMS 405-1, Wildland Fire Entrapment/Fatality Initial Report ([PDF](#))
- IIPP-16, Management Safety Assessment/SART Activation ([DOC](#))

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